

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will let Senator Chronister go first, Senator Wesely, since it is his bill.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, an amendment is being handed out to 291 that would change the makeup of the dispensing board and what it does, primarily, the board shall consist of six members including one lay person, and then one member will be specializing in ophthalmology and one licensed optometrist. Now that is the sum and substance of the amendment and I ask its adoption.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chronister, a moment please.

CLERK: Are you now going to take the amendment, Senator?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes.

CLERK: Okay, we misunderstood. It is the one you gave me this morning, is that right, Senator?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Right.

CLERK: Okay. (Chronister amendment appears on pages 996-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, we are on the Chronister amendment. Since we are on the Chronister amendment, may I introduce a guest of Senator Harry Chronister. Under the north balcony is his daughter, Mrs. Chris Wisnieski. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Wesely, on the Chronister amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I am caught a little bit by surprise on this amendment, nobody had brought it to me. It goes from four to six members. We have amended this into the Uniform Licensure Act. All the other licensing boards have four members. This would now change it for this one board up to six. I don't quite understand the background on it. I guess I would ask Senator Chronister maybe if you could do it on Select or something, just so we would know what was going on a little more. I would otherwise oppose it because we are trying to develop a uniform statute for the different licensing boards and this would be different than the other ones. So I am a little confused.